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REMARKS

These Remarks are submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 132 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2008.

Summary of the Examiner's Action and Applicants' Response

In reply to Applicants' amendment filed in Oct. 25, 2007, the Examiner has rejected all pending claims, Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-21, and 23-34, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-21, and 23-34 are pending.

Response to Rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-21, and 23-34, under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner stated that the claims have been amended to recite "wherein the extraction pattern comprises a regular expression" but it does not appear to be in the originally filed specification. The Examiner stated, therefore, that the new recitation must be treated as "new matter".

The Examiner stated further that "[h]owever, if the applicant does not believe that this subject matter is 'new matter', an appropriate explanation is required including pointing out where support for this subject matter can be found in the origin[al] specification." In that regard, Applicants respectfully submit that the present specification describes that an "extractor" pattern can include a single regular expression, or multiple regular expressions. (e.g., see Page 15, lines 13-15, and 24-25). Applicants respectfully submit that the term "extractor pattern" is also referred to as an "extraction pattern" in the specification; i.e., the terms are interchangeable. For example, page 27, lines 14-16 of the specification includes the terms "extractor pattern" and "extraction pattern" used in such a way that the interchangeability of "extraction pattern" and "extractor pattern" is clear: "Figure 23 shows the development of an extractor pattern for the links that lead to 15 the sales rank information. The extraction pattern 2300 matches only the links on the results page that lead to further information about books". (Page 27, lines 14-16). Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the original claims form part of the specification and the term "extraction pattern" was included in original Claim 3. As stated in the Remarks in the amendment dated September 3, 2003, "[w]ith this amendment, each of the independent claims has been amended to indicate the extraction pattern claimed in original claim 3".

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For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the recitation of "wherein the extraction pattern comprised a regular expression" is supported by the original specification, which includes the original claims and, therefore, the rejection under § 112 is overcome.

"If a skilled artisan would have understood the inventor to be in possession of the claimed invention at the time of filing, even if every nuance of the claims is not explicitly described in the specification, then the adequate description requirement is met." See, e.g., *Vas-Cath*, 935 F.2d at 1563, 19 USPQ2d at 1116; *Martin v. Johnson*, 454 F.2d 746, 751, 172 USPQ 391, 395 (CCPA 1972) (stating "the description need not be in *ipsis verbis* [i.e., "in the same words"] to be sufficient"). quoted by MPEP § 2163. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the term "extraction pattern" is supported by the original specification, as described above, however, the description need not be in the exact same words to be sufficient where one skilled in the art would understand the terms are the same. (See MPEP § 2163). Applicants respectfully submit that the original specification supports "extractor pattern" being interchangeable with "extraction pattern". Applicants respectfully submit that, even if this was not explicit, which Applicants do not concede, under the circumstances of this application and as described above, one skilled in the art would understand that terms "extractor pattern" and "extraction pattern" to be the same. For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully submit that new matter has not been introduced in the recitation of "wherein the extraction pattern comprises a regular expression" and, therefore, the rejection under § 112 is overcome.

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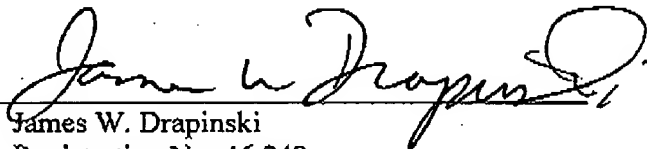
Conclusion

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-21, and 23-34, in the present application are allowable. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (415) 984-8200.

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